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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for the copy of your letter of October 22 to Phil Handler. As a new member of the Council of the National Academy of Sciences, I am still not adequately familiar with what precautions are taken both to be assured that reports are not affected by conflicts of interest and to safeguard against possible false charges of conflict. However, I certainly agree that these are important concerns for the Academy and as a Council Member will pay careful attention to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Townes".

Charles H. Townes

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cc: Dr. Philip Handler